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SUVJ: ROGER FRANK MEDICAL CASE-STATUS REPORT

REF: STATE 071874 NOTAL

1. TEAM OF SOVIET NEUROSURGEONS OPERATED ON ROGER FRANK MARCH 27. OPERATION TOOK PLACE AT LENINGRAD'S POLENOV INSTITUTE AND WAS DESIGNED TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON SPINAL CORD IN AREA OF SIXTH AND SEVENTH VERTEBRAE. IN COURSE OF OPERATION, SURGEONS EXPOSED SPINAL CORD AND FOUND NO APPARENT TRAUMA TO CORD ITSELF. UNIQUE METAL SPLINT-LIKE DEVICE(S) APPLIED TO AFFECTED AREA OF SPINAL COLUMN,

REPLACING US-APPLIED BONE-AND-METAL SPLINTING DEVICE.

2. FRANK'S CONDITION HAS IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY FOLLOWING OPERATION. ONE

DAY POST-OP HE HAD INCREASED SENSATION IN LOWER EXTREMITIES, AND APPARENT IMPROVEMENT IN NEUROLOGICAL FUNCTION CONTINUES: ABILITY TO DETECT PRICKING SENSATION GRADUALLY MOVING DOWN BODY; BLADDER FUNCTIONING BETTER; ETC.

3. SOVIET SURGEONS WERE ELATED WITH TECHNICAL SUCCESS OF PROCEDURE, AND ARE MOST ENCOURAGED BY RAPID PACE OF IMPROVEMENT IN NEUROLOGICAL FUNCTION. NO ONE, OF COURSE, CAN OFFER FIRM PREDICTION AT THIS POINT ON FINAL CONDITION, BUT ROGER'S PARENTS NOTE THAT IMPROVEMENT TO DATE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO BLADDER FUNCTION, IS MORE THAN THEY HAD HOPED FOR.

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